

Thursday, Oct. 11-
[1849?]

Dear Dr. Torrey,
How good &
kind you are to have
taken so much pains
for me! -

I was admiring
most especially the ex-
quisite look of those
seeded beans before your
letter came, & if there
were an agricultural

Show about here just now,
I should be tempted
to send in Specimens
of all kinds, quite sure
of gaining the first
prize. —

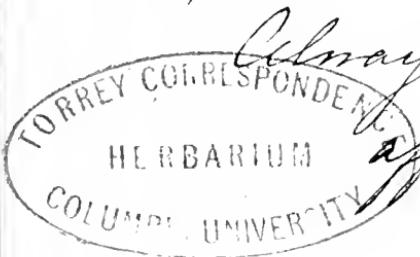
I shall begin to think
however if Mr & Jane have
either designs on our
temperance, or rather
great confidence in our
virtue, what with
liquor and a brandied fruit!

At any rate Mrs. Gray
gets a famous reputation
for a great many nice
things, when she is no
peacock but only a jay
after all. —

I hope you mean to
come on & make us another
visit before long. And tell
Hersby with my love, that
I count on him for news. —
I suppose farming is
through them. —

The jars all came in
most admirable order,
they were packed so
beautifully - And thank
you very much for all
your kind directions, I
shall keep them by me -

With much love to
all,



Always Your very

affectionate

Jane P. Gray -

Dr. Torrey -



Frontiers House Sept. 4th. 1850

Dear Dr. Gray,

Dr. Gray being hard at work with Dr. Bentham, has commissioned me to write for him to you, & ask you where the Diaries can be sent. You justified Mr. Bentham you had sent to Mr. Hooker. They have not yet arrived, & they wish to know how they were sent - & trace if possible the cause of the delay.

We arrived here last Tuesday Evening, & are quietly established for the present at this parsonage against the house. There is something quite unusual for an American, in living in a house built 800 years ago! Mr. & Mrs. Bentham are charming people, & receive us most kindly - and Dr. Gray & Mr. Bentham are already deep in exploring & collecting plants.

We had a delightful tour in the continent, though we were obliged, to our great disappointment, to give up the Italian Lakes & the Alps - for want of time - & do not know when Dr. Gray last wrote to you, but I think not since we left Munich, so I may be safe from repetition if I say anything about our visit to Holland - Holland was sent kind & as in Munich - here all the way from Schleiden, where he was stayin' with a family, to us - and we only regretted that we had not more time there. For there is so very much to see in the Allemans & Thuringers, &c.

we came down the Rhine, passing at Cologne & then the
magnificent Cathedral, at Dusseldorf & Bonn, and so to
Amsterdam - Mr. Van had written to Prof. Haeckel, & we
were agreeable surprise to find Robert Brown with him.
He passed a very agreeable evening at Prof. Haeckel's, with him
& some of the other professors there. And the next morning
they visited together the Botanic Garden - where is a new
fine library of paintings at Amsterdam containing many
works of the Dutch masters, and I was exceedingly interested
in them. From Amsterdam we went to Leyden where
we saw Prof. de Gruyse - Blome was not at home, but Prof.
Schulte his assistant was very attentive. He visited there
the Museum, which is especially valuable in skeletons & birds.
Then we went to the Museum of Dr. Siebold - he does not live
at Leyden, where he only makes occasional visits, but on the
Rhine - The museum is a most interesting collection of Japanese
things of every sort, from temples & idols to common utensils, &
the wonder & pleasure is somewhat increased in looking
at them from the idea that the poor man's head would have
been taken off if he had been discovered in carrying away from
the country one of the old pieces of money, to say nothing of the
ship load of other things of every sort & description - We
made an excursion to the Hague to see the salines, passing
there - And Sunday Prof. Haeckel took a stroll in the old Botanic
garden of Leyden, adorned with busts of animals, flowers, &c.
& boasting a tree mentioned by Linnaeus. The one that
Boehme planted in unhappy Bonn town - We visited the
ancient rooms in the Academy, hung with the portraits of all

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the old steppelord for Crewe, many years - and passed a
few hours with Mr. the Miss's father. He remained
with Mrs. Weston from Fleetwood & until dinner soon after
we were there. Here I saw in the day the old church
where Horatio, Nelson, & so many distinguished men
are buried, & went in to find the monuments. They
were all exceedingly simple, & quite without high sounding
titles. We left & then for Rotterdam early Monday
morning, & on Tuesday took the steamer for London, which
reached after about 14 hours passage over a most beau-
tiful, pleasant sea - In London we were glad to meet my
Aunt Mrs. Powell with all the family, on their way to Paris.
And most agreeable too, Mr. Harvey was there - Dr. Gray
saw Dr. Booth several times - He has been sick again - And
Sir Wm. Foster has been most dangerously ill - He is now
recovering, though slowly. But is still at the sea there
where he has been for some weeks past - He had only a
hurried visit of a few days in London - or Dr. Gray was eager
to get down here & call to him - He was, in my I think
now much in strength - Though now we must see how
he is in winter after so long a recess. As for me
I am wonderfully better than when I left home, though
not quite so well this last week as I am - I had a heavy
cold in Hanover, for we suffered much with the cold
weather there - But I am well & fit now with
great comfort, about the etiopone.

Dr. Gray says Mr. Berthauer has written to Mr. Smith at New York during his absence, via express nothing as yet.

About our insight, so bad, so to write & have that he
desire to move some would for your doctor and wished
Dr. Bent will be induced to assist him - and asks you to
manage the correspondence with him - he will try to write
himself before long, to you -

The barrel from Mr. Dawson, you will please send
to Nuttall, with his directions to forward it to Dr.
Gray -

As for the *Eunica* Calif. & Baja California, Mr. Bent
will be comparing them at ~~one~~ - And they are not at all
the same though the leaves resemble much, the flowers are quite different.
Dr. Gray says you have Mr. B. a great
fright for nothing - He was quite startled. -

Dr. Gray says he has not written you since October,
so that I should have commenced with a sketch of
our charming tour through Switzerland - It is too late
now, as tell Alja while save that for an answer to
her letter which I hope may be coming soon -

You will see we did not get back in time for
the Association - Mr. Adcock was there, the wild west -

Your letter contained many nice accounts of Sunday
mornings - Our nove letters are generally too full of home
news to contain much of what is going on in general -

With very best love to the wife & Herbert,



Dr. Gray begs you to send us soon as you receive this, the thin
proofs of the last of Sprague's drawings for Tremont - He wishes to show Mr.
W. the new species. - And please send Wright's mosses to Sullivan, the
fungi to Nuttall, to forward to Mr. Curtis, - the lichens to Cambridge for Suckow-
man who will be at home or soon after this letter gets there. -



Caroline's House

St. Helena

Dear Mr. Gray,

Dr. Gray wishes me
to enclose in my letter herewith, a
short note telling you that we
heard, through Mr. Wm. C.
Mr. Remond had in Alameda,
that we had received a package
from Prof. Leibnitz which contained
the "Gymnosae" & that it would
soon be so placed as to be im-
barded to Mr. Remond. — in his
note from Yarmouth, but expected a
return to New in a few days, being
much improved in health.

Dr. Gray & Mr. Remond are very

and at work - But it is a slow
process -

It grows over limestone and
is more or less smooth and dull, and
reddish-brown.

With best love to your family
wife,

is now very tractable now,

James A. Ray



At the 4th

Princeton

New Jersey